BILSTON ST MARY (?1830-....)

Parish History

The parish of **BILSTON ST MARY** was in ?1830 formed from a part (-----) of **BILSTON ST LEONARD.**

In 1865 the parish of **BRADLEY ST MARTIN** was created from parts of **BILSTON ST MARY** and **COSELEY CHRIST CHURCH**.

Description of Church

The church, in Oxford Street, was built 1829-30 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *Francis Goodwin* and consecrated DATE

Type of incumbent

Perpetual Curate	....-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

Bilston St Leonard	1830
Bilston St Leonard OR Lichfield (subjudice)	

Parish Registers

The separate register of St Mary, Bilston, commences in 1848. The original registers for the period 1848-1951 (Bapts), 1848-1959 (Mar) & 1848-1975 (Bur), and Banns for the period 1935-1949 are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office.
No Bishops Transcripts are recorded at Lichfield Record Office. [GENUKI]

Bells

Special References

►**Horatio Samuel Fletcher 1808-1871** **1830-p1835**
c 19 Jan 1808 Walsall St Matthew *5th son of Samuel Fletcher of Walsall, Staffs armiger and Sophia (.....)*
m Sarah Lester of Lester Street, Bilston; (aged 51, b Bilston) 1861 C
d 30 Apr 1871 aged 64; i Kensall Green Cemy, London
(of Oxford Street, Bilston) 1835 [PIGOT]
(aged 19, matriculated from Queen's College, Oxford) 8 Mar 1826
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Dec 1829
(B.A.) 1830
(Perpetual Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1830-p1835

- (presented by William Leigh c1778-1858 *qua* Perpetual Curate of Bilston St Leonard)
- (licenced) 20 Dec 1829
- (in office) 1835 [PIGOT]
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 23 Jan 1831
(Perpetual Curate, Bilston St Leonard, Staffs) 1836-d
- (elected) 6 Feb 1836
- (aged 44, b Walsall, of Lichfield Street, Bilston "Perpetual Curate of Bilston") 1851 C
- (aged 54, b Walsall, of Bilston "Perpetual Curate of Bilston") 1861 C
- (in office) 1870
chn: Henry Fletcher (aged 12, b Bilston) 1851 C
Howard Fletcher (aged 11, b Bilston) 1851 C
John Fletcher (aged 9, b Bilston) 1851 C
Sarah Sophia Fletcher (aged 16, b Bilston) 1861 C
Arthur Fletcher (aged 5 b Bilston) 1851 C

"St Leonard's Church, the original chapel of ease for Bilston township, was rebuilt in 1825, upon a large scale. It has a tower, eight bells and 2200 sittings, of which 750 are free. The interior was repaired, and partly remodelled, in 1846. The benefice is a perpetual curacy, in the patronage of the Inhabitants of Bilston, and incumbency of the Rev HS Fletcher, BA."

►Joseph Butterworth Owen 1809-1872 **1841-1854**
b 23 Jul 1809 Portsmouth *son of Jacob Owen of Portsea, Hants (Surveyor-General of Ireland)*
m 1837 Louisa dau of J. W. Higgins of Droxford, Hants
d 24 May 1872 at 40 Cadogan Place, London
(educated at Portsmouth St Paul Grammar School)
(admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 10 Nov 1828 [VENN]
(re-admitted pensioner) 12 Oct 1829
(matriculated) Michs 1829
(B.A.) 1833
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1833
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 18 Jan 1835
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1835-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Farthingstone, Northants) 1837-41
(M.A.) 1839
(Perpetual Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1841-54
(Minister, Bedford Row St John's Chapel, London) 1855-8
(Vicar, Chelsea St Jude) 1858-d
(Lecturer, Cannon Street St Swithin) 1858-d
(Lecturer, Wapping St John) 1858-d
(author, "Home Health"; "Young England"; "English Charities"; "Mendicity"; "Popular Insurance"; "Polemical Lectures on Infallibility"; "Trial of the Seven Bishops"; "Rabbinism the Type of Romanism"; "The Power of the Keys"; "Popery in Connection with English History"; "Social Blessings of the Reformation".
chn: Edward A. Owen (at Cambridge) 1863

►Charles Lee 1827-1911 **1855-1860**
b 30 Mar 1827 Westminster *son of William Lee of Westminster wine-merchant and Mary (.....)*
m Sarah Ann ..... (aged 46, b Matlock Bath, Derbys) 1881 C
d 20 Jan 1911 Stratford-upon-Avon
(admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 13 May 1846
(re-admitted pensioner) 12 Oct 1846
(matriculated) Michs 1846
(B.A., 17th Wrangler) 1850
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1850
(Stipendiary Curate, Derby All Saints) 1850-1
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1851

(Vicar, Leicester Christ Church) 1851-5
(M.A.) 1855
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1855-60
(Vicar, Haverstock Hill Holy Trinity, London) 1860-71
(Vicar, Bilston St Leonard, Staffs) 1871-1908
- (elected) 1871
- (aged 54, b London, of Walsall Street, Bilston "Vicar of Bilston") 1881 C
- (aged 64, b Piccadilly St James, of The Vicarage, Walsall St, Bilton "Vicar of Bilston") 1891 C
(in retirement of Stratford-upon-Avon)
chn: Bernard B. Lee (aged 26, b Leicester "Ironfoundry Manager") 1881 C
Madeleine B. Lee (aged 23, b Bilston) 1881 C
Newton W.A. Lee (aged 17, b London "Factors Apprentice") 1881 C
Leslie W. Lee (aged 14, b London "scholar") 1881 C
Charles St Augustine Lee b 1870; (admitted pensioner at Trinity, Cambridge) 27 May 1889; (aged 20, b Haverstock Hill "Student of Theology Trinity College Cam)
1891 C

►Henry Francis Newbolt 1824-1866 **1860-1866**
b 30 Jun 1824 Middx *son of Charles Newbolt (Lieut., R.N.) and Eliza Ann (.....)*
m1 29 Oct 1851 Mary Jane dau of D. Newham
m2 1860 Emily dau and coheir of George Bradnock Stubbs of Walsall and Blymhill, Staffs; d 1921
d 24 May 1866 Ilfracombe
(admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 3 Jul 1845 [VENN]
(educated at New Cross Royal Naval School)
(matriculated) Michs 1845
(B.A.) 1849
(ordained deacon by Canterbury) 3 Jun 1849
(ordained priest) 26 May 1850
(Stipendiary Curate, Maidstone Holy Trinity, Kent) 1849-52
(Stipendiary Curate, Hackford, Norfolk) 1852-3
(M.A.) 1853
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall St Matthew, Staffs) 1853-60
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1860-d
(author, Sermons)
[FOX-DAVIES, ARMORIAL FAMILIES]
chn:
[2] Henry John Newbolt b 6 Jun 1862 "St Mary's Vicarage", Bilston; (poet and writer)
[DNBonline]
Francis George Newbolt b 1863

►Henry Thomas Snepp c1822-1899 **1866-1872**
d *aged 77* cFeb 1899 East Preston RD, Sussex
(at King's College, London)
(ordained deacon) 1849
(ordained priest by Gloucester & Bristol) 1850
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1866-72
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1872-80
- (in bad health, his Curate in charge) 1877-80
(in retirement of Birchfield, Birmingham) 1885

►Cornelius Batchellor c1833-1902 **1872-1902**
b c1833 Fletching, Sussex
d *aged 69* cFeb 1902 Wolverhampton RD
(at Trinity College, Dublin)

(B.A.) 1860
(M.A.) 1869
(ordained deacon by Oxford) 1858
(Stipendiary Curate, Wigginton, Oxon) 1858-63
(ordained priest by Oxford) 1862
(Stipendiary Curate, Coseley Christ Church, Staffs) 1863-72
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1872-d
- (aged 48, b Fletching, Sussex "Vicar of St Marys Bilston") 1881 C

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►**Alfred Leonard Bickerstaff c1861-....** **1902-....**
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Nassau *pro* Winchester) 1885
(ordained priest by Winchester) 1886
(Stipendiary Curate, Carisbrooke St John, I.O.W.) 1885-90
(Stipendiary Curate, Nottingham St Nicholas) 1890-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Mark, Staffs)
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1902-....

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►**John Beasmore Colley c1883-....** **1918-1926**
b c1883 [X BMD]
(at Queen's College, Birmingham)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1907
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1908
(Stipendiary Curate, Ettingshall, Staffs) 1907-12
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Paul, Staffs) 1912-8
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1918-26
(Vicar, Rocester, Staffs) 1926-p1947

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►**Philip James Kelly 1881-....** **1926-1931**
b 24 Aug 1881 Port St Mary, Isle of Man *son of William Kelly*
(educated at King William's College, Isle of Man)
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) Michs 1900
(matriculated) Michs 1900
(Exhibitioner) 1901
(B.A.) 1903
(M.A.) 1916
(ordained deacon by York) 1905
(ordained priest by York) 1906
(Stipendiary Curate, North Ormesby, Yorks) 1905-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Hessle, Yorks) 1907-10
(Stipendiary Curate, Walkley, Sheffield) 1910-11
(Rector, Whitwood Mere) 1911-6
(Served in the Great War) 1914-9
(Gunner, R.G.A., 1917-9)
(Stipendiary Curate, Holy Trinity, Shrewsbury) 1919-22
(Stipendiary Curate, Cannock, Staffs) 1922-6
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1926-31
(Vicar, Acock's Green, Warwicks) 1931-48-
(author, "Paul Kewley" and "Dream Stories for Children")

1931-1942

►**Frederic Norman Keen 1904-....** **1942-....**
b cFeb 1907 Burton-upon-Trent RD, Staffs
(at Keble College, Oxford)

(B.A.) 1928
(M.A.) 1933
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1929
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1930
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1931
(Stipendiary Curate, Horninglow, Staffs) 1930-5
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Tunstall St Chad, Staffs) 1935-42
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1942-....

Assistant Clergy

►Richard Hill c1815-1883 **?1839-1842**
b c1815 Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs
d *aged 67* 25 Aug 1883 "The Vicarage", Royton
(admitted sizar at Corpus Christi, Cambridge) 13 Mar 1835 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1835
(B.A.) 1839
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1839
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) ?1839-42
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1840
(Stipendiary Curate, Furtho & Potterspury, Northants) 1843-4
(Vicar, Royton, Lancs) 1845-d
- (aged 65, b Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs, widower of "Vicarage", Royton, Lancs) 1881 C

►William Bradshaw Bennison c1823-.... **1847-1853**
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1847
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1848
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1847-53
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Balsall Heath, Birmingham) 1853-86
(Rector, Uley-cum-Owlpen, Glos) 1886-p1906

►Dan Greatorex 1828-1901 **?1856**
b 21 Mar 1828
m Margaret Doyle
d 7 Mar 1901
(at St Bees Theological College) 1854-6
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1856
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) ?1856
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1857
(Chaplain to the Thames Church Mission)
(Stipendiary Curate/Vicar, Whitechapel St Paul Dockstreet, London) 21 Oct 1862-1 Jul 1897
- (resigned "through overwork and paralysis")
(B.D., from Canterbury) 1870s
(invented ships lending libraries)
(in retirement of 21 Castle Street, Dover)
(Greatorex Street [formerly Great Garden Street] in Aldgate was named in his honour)
(His diaries from 1862-97 are deposited at the Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives (TH/8833])

►Joseph Ormandy c1838-.... **1862-1865**
(at St Bees Theological College) 1861

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1862
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1862-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1863
(Stipendiary Curate, Accrington St James) 1865-70
(Vicar, Accrington St John-the-Evangelist) 1870-p1874

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